HOUSE No. 386

By Mr. Fresolo of Worcester, petition of John P. Fresolo and others for legislation to provide for binding arbitration in public employee labor disputes. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

John P. Fresolo SEIU - 5000 NAGE Joan M. Menard

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BINDING ARBITRATION IN PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR DISPUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 150E of the General Laws is amended by striking para-
- 2 graph 5 in Section 9, and inserting the words:—
- 3 "If the impasse continues after the publication of the fact-
- 4 finding report, either party, or the parties acting jointly, may peti-
- 5 tion the board to initiate arbitration proceedings, the result of
- 6 which shall be a final and binding decision. Upon receipt of such
- 7 petition, the board shall appoint a panel of three arbitrators from a
- 8 list of qualified persons. In the alternative, the parties may agree
- 9 upon the arbitrators and then notify the board of such agreement
- 10 and choice of arbitrators. The panel shall transmit its finding and
- 11 its final and binding decision to the board and to both parties
- 12 within thirty days after the date of their appointment."